C.D. announcing Jehad against India

†1742. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that recently terrorists have issued a C.D. regarding announcement of Jehad against India;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have investigated the matter;

(d) if so, which organisation has issued this; and

(e) the details of safety measures adopted by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) to (d) As per available information, a C.D. claiming to reveal plans for Jehad in India was received in June, 2007 by a local news agency namely 'Current News Service' in Srinagar. Inquiries into the matter have so far not revealed links of the C.D. to any particular terrorist outfit.

(e) The Government remains firmly committed to countering the challenge posed by terrorist organizations. Towards this end, a multi-pronged strategy is being pursued in close conjunction with the State Governments, which involves measures to check infiltration from across the borders, deployment of Central Security Forces in areas prone to terrorist violence, continuous vigilance and strengthening of security arrangements in vulnerable areas and around vital installations, sharing of intelligence, strengthening of State Police forces and upgradation of their skills and technical capabilities to deal with terrorist activities through the schemes of Police Modernization, and raising of India Reserve Battalions, etc. Efforts are also made to strengthen bilateral and multi-lateral cooperation with the aim of combating terrorism through arrangements for Mutual Legal Assistance, Extradition Treaties, exchange of information and intelligence etc.

Floods in Bihar and Uttar Pradesh

1743. SHRI VEDPRAKASH P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that due to recent flood in Bihar and Uttar Pradesh. approximately 120 people have died and the situation is very severe; .

(b) what steps are being taken by Government to help those people who are badly affected by flood;

(c) whether Government have any plan to relocate those people who have lost everything in this;

(d) if so, the details thereof: and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI V. RADHIKA SELVI): (a) to (e) As per the information received from

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

the Governments of Bihar and Uttar Pradesh, based on their preliminary assessment, 450 human lives in Bihar and 216 human lives in Uttar Pradesh have been lost due to heavy rains/floods during 2007.

The execution of the rescue and relief measures in the event of natural disaster is primarily the responsibility of the concerned State Government. The distribution of relief on the ground is made by the concerned State. The Central Government supplements the efforts of the State Governments by providing financial and logistic support.

The State Governments have taken necessary rescue and relief operations in the affected areas which include evacuation of people to safer places, operation of relief camps, cattle camps and providing essential commodities *viz.* readymade food, wheat, rice, chura, Gur, salt, kerosene oil, shelter material like polythene sheets, etc. The State Governments also took necessary steps to prevent outbreak of any epidemic in the flood affected areas.

For execution of relief operations, a Calamity Relief Fund (CRF) has been constituted for each State Government, which is contributed by the Government of India and the concerned State Government in the ratio of 3:1. The State Level Committee, under the chairmanship of Chief Secretary of the concerned State, is fully empowered to operate the CRF in accordance with the extant items and norms approved by the Government of India. These norms *inter-alia* provide for assistance to the affected persons in the form of *ex-gratia* payment to families of deceased persons, gratuitous relief of families in dire need of immediate sustenance after a calamity (who have no food reserve, or whose food reserves have been wiped out in a calamity and who have no other immediate means of support), agricultural inputs subsidy for damage caused to crops, assistance for repair of houses, assistance for generation of relief employment, assistance for loss of animals, assistance for feed and fodder.

Joint task force for tackling naxalism

1744. DR. VIJAY MALLYA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has a comprehensive policy to tackle naxalism in the country;

(b) whether Government has a joint task force comprising of Central and State Police personnel to tackle and stop the spread on naxalism;

(c) if not, does Government propose to introduce a law and constitute a joint task force to tackle naxalism in the country; and

(d) if so, by when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) to (d) Government's policy is to address the naxalite problem in a holistic manner, on the security, development and public perception management fronts. Central Government is supplementing the efforts and resources of the State Governments through a variety of measures, including deployment of Central Para Military Forces which work under the command of the